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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS :Sarvetnick *et al.*

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EXAMINER:Saunders, David A.

FILING DATE:April 5, 2001

ART UNIT :1644

FOR :Isolation of Proliferating Pancreatic Duct Cells

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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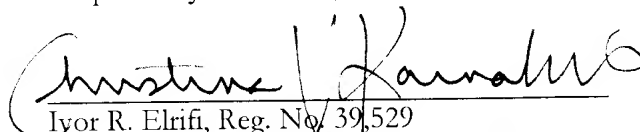
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request a petition for a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the Office Action dated September 30, 2002. With the extension, the response is due on or before March 31, 2003 (as March 30, 2003 is a Sunday). Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$465.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 18427-001CON A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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